

NORTH PACIFIC RIGHT WHALE SURVEY 2002: Weekly Report 8/01/02
LEG 2 - RIGHT WHALE EFFORTS

The week began looking like last week, with continuing marginal conditions, including one whole day (26th) lost due to 30 kt winds. The following day was the one day we heard right whale calls on the morning sonobuoys, but efforts to find them by the ship and plane were hampered by 20 kt winds. No luck. Just as the conditions improved over the next few days, we had to leave the box for Dutch Harbor and an exchange of ship's personnel. No tie up, just a small boat run to the dock. Of the scientific personnel, only Lisa Munger (acoustician) disembarked in order to retrieve the hard drive from a vagrant autonomous hydrophone that was salvaged by a fishing vessel and was being stored in Dutch.

Since leaving Dutch Harbor, we have had excellent weather en route to Seward. A fair number of humpbacks and killer whales have been seen, though nothing as spectacular as the feeding frenzy of last week. The scenery around the eastern Aleutians and through the Shumagins has been beautiful.

Date	Begin/End time position	Transect miles	Avg. Beauf
072502	0705 N57:07.21 W164:28.81	57.4nmi	3.6
	1313 N56:57.72 W166:00.06		
072702	0900 N56:41.86 W164:55.43	96.1nmi	5.0
	2157 N56:44.11 W164:42.30		
072802	0742 N56:40.01 W164:41.17	30.1nmi	4.8
	2157 N57:02.11 W165:08.79		
072902	0718 N56:42.04 W164:34.05	156.0nmi	2.7
	2150 N54:43.10 W165:03.70		
073002	1056 N54:07.60 W166:30.91	103.0nmi	3.1
	2158 N54:10.93 W163:32.88		
073102	0708 N54:49.71 W160:49.30	169.1nmi	2.6
	2154 N55:29.99 W156:12.39		

Code	Species	Tot#	Biopsy	Photo
37	killer whale	4	3	2 sightings
40	harbor porpoise	2		
44	Dall's porpoise	30		
71	minke whale	4		
74	fin whale	11		
76	humpback whale	25		
77	unidentified delphinoid	1		
79	unidentified large whale	11		
	OTHER	1		
	TOTAL	89		